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1. A second railroad line is being built from Sofia to Pernik to transport coal. Railroad lines are being constructed from Lovech-Troyan to Pleven, from Chepino to Dospat, from Sofia to Kazanlik (20,000 army laborers are employed on this), and from Somovit-Tseknitsa-Nikopol to the Danube.
2. At a point between the cities of Kazanlik and Lovech a road is being constructed towards the north and through Haim-Boaz to unite the railroad line there with the Trnovo-Varna railroad line.
3. A road is being constructed between Belitsa and Petrich on the west bank of the Struma.
4. For more than a year construction has been under way on a new railroad line from Lovech to Troyanovo. This line is of standard gauge with a length of about 35 Kilometers. Both army laborers (Trudovaks) and ordinary workmen are employed on this project.
5. From the Mezdra railroad station northwest of Sofia a new highway is being constructed into Sofia which is ten meters wide. Both Trudovaks and ordinary laborers are used in its construction.
6. The old road, which runs through the villages of Nastan, Grochotno, Yoren, Trigrad, Angri, Dere, and Kesten, is being widened from eight to ten meters. It is also being surfaced with crushed rock. The inhabitants of the villages around Devin are employed in this work. About 400 Pomaks from the village of Grochotno are working on this road. Work on this road began about February 1948 and will be completed in two months.
7. A dam is being constructed below Samokov.
8. In all Bulgaria 5,000 young men belonging to the Communist Youth have been recruited for various public work projects.

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